

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:288

ANSWERED ON:12.08.2005

APDRP

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has accorded the status of special category States to certain backward States for giving grants and loans under the Accelerated Power Development & Reforms Programme (APDRP);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the number of districts of each State covered under the scheme so far;
- (c) the criteria fixed for granting the status of special category to such States;
- (d) whether in view of Rajasthan being a bordering and famine affected State, the Government proposes to grant it the status of special category of State on the lines of other States; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED)

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 288 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 12.08.2005 REGARDING APDRP.

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. Eleven States viz. Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura and Uttaranchal have been included under Special Category States for getting assistance under Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP). The details of the districts of the Special Category States covered under APDRP are at Annexure.

(c) : National Development Council (NDC) accords special status to the States as per the following guidelines:

- Strategic location on the border with neighbouring countries;
- Hilly and difficult terrains;
- Overall economic and infrastructural backwardness;
- Low population density and/or sizeable share of tribal population; and
- Limited and weak resource base compared to development needs.

(d) : There is no proposal in Ministry of Power to accord special status to Rajasthan.

(e) : The funding pattern for release of funds to the Special Category States under APDRP has been adopted as per the criteria laid down by NDC.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN PART (a) & (b) OF STATEMENT LAID IN REPLY TO STARRED QUESTION NO. 288 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 12.8.2005 REGARDING APDRP.

Number of Districts of the Special Category States covered under APDRP

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Number of Districts covered
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1.	Assam	24
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	15
3.	Himachal Pradesh	10
4.	Jammu & Kashmir	12
5.	Manipur	05
6.	Meghalaya	06
7.	Mizoram	07
8.	Nagaland	07
9.	Sikkim	06
10	Tripura	04
11.	Uttaranchal	05
Total	101	